

2025 Annual Report

**United States Foundation for the
Children of Haiti**

**Fondation pour les Enfants
d'Haïti (FEH)**



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Introduction

Entering a New Year is always a sign of God's grace. For Haiti, however, this grace carries a deeper meaning, as insecurity has reached unprecedented levels and safety can no longer be taken for granted. Haiti remains the only Caribbean nation under a U.S. State Department **"Level 4 – Do Not Travel" advisory**. Armed gangs control most of the capital city and continue to expand their reach, with many operating under unknown leadership structures. Alarming, it is estimated that **approximately 70% of gang members are as young as 12 years old**.

According to recent reports, **more than 3,500 people were killed in 2025**, with thousands more injured. Over **one million families have been displaced**, forced to seek refuge in makeshift camps under inhumane conditions while enduring ongoing physical and emotional trauma. Kidnappings, killings, and systematic destruction of infrastructure have left **Port-au-Prince nearly devastated**. Schools have been destroyed, the education system is collapsing, and more than **50% of the population faces severe food insecurity**. With major roads controlled by gangs, food distribution has become nearly impossible.

Healthcare is in crisis as hospitals have been burned or forced to close, and medical supplies are scarce, and many services—including air travel—have been severely disrupted.

The prevailing sentiment across Haiti is one of lost dignity and humanity. Survival has become a daily act of faith—living one day at a time, trusting God for protection, provision, and guidance.

Despite these realities, FEH stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness. Throughout the year, FEH continued to serve children, families, students, patients, and employees. Our facilities are located in areas not directly controlled by gangs, allowing operations to continue in our schools, residences, and hospital. Although threats existed, FEH experienced **no direct assaults**, a clear reflection of God's protection. For this, we give Him all the glory.

In a time that demands faith and resilience, FEH remained steadfast, resisting discouragement and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives entrusted to us.





Overview of Projects

VILLAGE ESPOIR

Village Espoir is home to **76 children and young adults**, including **18 living with profound disabilities**. Both residential buildings accommodate boarding students attending the **New Academy of Excellence (NAE)**. Over the past three years, FEH has encouraged families to use boarding services to ensure children receive education in a safe, family-like environment. This year, **seven new boarders** were admitted—five at Rainbow of Love (ROL) and two at Hope Home—greatly benefiting both children and families.

Rainbow of Love (ROL) houses **27 girls (ages 2–23)** and **32 boys (ages 5–24)**.
Hope Home houses **18 young people (10 girls and 8 boys)**.

A dedicated staff of 29 employees—including supervisors, house parents, cooks, housekeepers, and security staff—ensures daily care and supervision.

All residents attend school through 11th grade at NAE, with one student completing 12th grade at another high school while participating in a welding apprenticeship. Other graduates are pursuing higher education or vocational training in medical technology, education, business, beauty school, dental preparation, and nursing. **Nine students attend C-TECH**, specializing in technology and nursing.



Project Activities

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

New Academy of Excellence (NAE)

School operations continued uninterrupted, concluding in early July with **174 students enrolled**. NAE offers **Special Education, Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, and High School through 11th grade**, expanding one grade per year toward full accreditation.

School Feeding Program

All students benefited from daily meals throughout the year. In March, breakfast was added after recognizing widespread hunger among students. This nutritional support significantly improved student health and academic performance. As a result, **NAE achieved a 96% pass rate**, with only six students requiring summer school.

Graduation and Birthday Celebration

Kindergarten graduation coincided with the annual collective birthday celebration—an event filled with joy, gifts, and shared talents.

Summer Camp

A two-week summer camp welcomed **200 children**, featuring arts and crafts, Bible lessons, sports competitions, and the much-anticipated Water Day. Families received food kits at the conclusion of the camp.

Academic Year 2025–2026

New classrooms were constructed to accommodate the addition of 11th grade. In October, NAE welcomed **304 students**, exceeding expectations. Many families enrolled their children not only for academic quality but also for access to daily meals, a sobering reminder of the widespread food crisis.

Despite rising costs and shortages, FEH successfully hosted the traditional Christmas celebration, providing gifts and joy to all students. Christmas remains a cherished season in Haiti, offering hope and moments of peace amid national hardship.





Challenges and Success

Persistent shortages of food, fuel, propane gas, water, and electricity remain major challenges. However, God continually opens doors. Water supply is inconsistent, requiring costly water truck deliveries. Solar system upgrades, including lithium batteries and higher-capacity panels, have significantly improved energy reliability.

Village management is led by a **five-member team** overseeing health, education, behavior, food procurement, and stock management. Rising food costs and port closures have intensified logistical challenges, often requiring bulk purchasing and extended storage.

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (C-TECH)

C-TECH completed a successful academic year with **216 students**, including **61 dormitory residents**, and awarded **35 scholarships**. New programs were added in **construction, electricity and plumbing, medical laboratory technology, administrative management, computer science, and accounting**.

23 nursing students received their capping certificate, **17 graduated** from the nursing program, and **10 technical program** students also graduated.

Campus Life

With increased demand for housing, a new dormitory level was constructed with support from **Cross International**, adding capacity for **18 students**. A new technical workshop was also completed.

Travel remains dangerous due to gang-controlled roads. Students have endured perilous journeys by sea and land, relying on public transportation and trusting in God's protection.

A **30-KW solar system** is now fully operational, resolving major energy challenges.

Water scarcity remains critical. The current cistern is insufficient, and the costs of water trucks have risen dramatically. Plans are underway to construct a larger cistern.

Transportation is another urgent need, as the aging campus vehicle is no longer reliable.

Despite these hardships, C-TECH graduates continue to secure employment, create businesses, and serve within FEH institutions—including Hope Hospital.



School of Good Sower

Serving **260 students from Kindergarten through 6th grade**, the School of the Good Sower experienced a strong academic year. Community demand prompted requests to expand to middle school, though funding limitations delayed this expansion. The year concluded with a joyful Christmas celebration for students and staff.

Hope Hospital

Following the destruction of multiple hospitals nationwide, **Hope Hospital has emerged as a key reference hospital**, providing essential medical services to a rapidly growing patient population. In March, a portion of the new hospital wing was opened, adding **11 inpatient beds** and increasing overall capacity from **62 to 73 beds**. Upon completion and commissioning of the second floor, hospital capacity is projected to increase to **82 beds**, significantly strengthening inpatient care services.

Hope Hospital employs **180 permanent staff members** and works with **over 50 service contractors**, ensuring continuity of care across medical, nursing, technical, and support services. Despite operating in a highly constrained environment, the hospital continues to deliver **quality, patient-centered care**, supported largely through health insurance reimbursements. Although reimbursement delays remain a challenge, insurance coverage for **more than 50% of patients** has contributed positively to financial sustainability.

Clinical services remained fully operational throughout the year, including the **dialysis unit**, which functioned continuously. Newly acquired dialysis machines became fully operational in October following technician training and installation, expanding access to life-sustaining renal care.

During the year, Hope Hospital recorded **nearly 30,000 outpatient clinic visits, over 6,000 emergency room visits, and more than 3,000 inpatient admissions**, reflecting both increased demand and the hospital's growing role as a national referral center.

Critical equipment priorities identified for continued service improvement include:

1. **An oxygen generator** to ensure a consistent oxygen supply during shortages and emergencies
2. **A CT scanner** to enhance diagnostic accuracy and reduce patient risk associated with off-site imaging
3. **Electronic Medical Records (EMR)** systems to improve clinical documentation, patient safety, and data management

Infrastructure resilience remains a key strength. The **solar energy system** continues to provide reliable power, supported by newly acquired **backup generators**. In addition, **a large-capacity water cistern** was installed, ensuring adequate water reserves for clinical operations.

In alignment with its mission of compassionate care, Hope Hospital provided approximately **\$115,000 in uncompensated medical services** to patients unable to pay. These services primarily supported **premature infants in the neonatal unit**, reflecting the hospital's commitment to protecting the most vulnerable lives.



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Conclusion

This report closes with a spirit of hope and faith, even as Haiti continues to face profound challenges. We look forward with confidence, trusting that God will continue to reveal His love and faithfulness through the work of FEH. We are deeply grateful to our partners and supporters for their steadfast prayers, encouragement, and generosity.

Together, let us continue **“Making a Difference—One Person at a Time.”** With thankful hearts, we invite you to continue to **PRAY FOR HAITI!**

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Statistics



Enrollment numbers over the years.

	2023	2024	2025
Rainbow of Love Residents	61	54	59
Hope Home Residents	19	19	18
C-Tech	102	224	216
New Academy of Excellence	177	263	304
School of Good Sower	220	290	260